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INDO-US DEFENCE TIES
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a boost to Indo-US defence ties following the decision of the US to lift sanctions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): India and the US had an ongoing bilateral Defence Cooperation relationship before the US imposed sanction in the wake of the Pokharan tests in 1998. The relationship resumed partially in 1999 with exchanges in training courses and a few other military exchanges. The recent high level exchange of visits has added impetus to the bilateral defence cooperation relationship between the two countries.